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DRAFTED BY PA/PRS:MABADER:RGH  
APPROVED BY PA/PRS:MABADER  
PA/PRS - MR. CARTER  
H - MR. FLATEN;S/S-O:MR VALERGA  
SSM - MR. MC ANDREW  
NEA/IAI - MR. KORN  
NEA/ARN - MR. CLUVERIUS  
NEA/EGY - MR. MARTINSEN  
NEA/IRN - MR. PRECHT  
NEA/APR - MR. TWINAH

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY ALGIERS IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY COLOMBO IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY Dacca IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY DOHA IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY ISLAHABAD IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE  
AMCONSUL JERUSALEM IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY KABUL IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY MANAMA IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY SANA IMMEDIATE  
USMISSION SINAI IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY TUNIS IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE  
USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE  
ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS  
SECDEF WASHDC 3103  
JCS WASHDC 2747.  
CIA WASHDC 2353  
USICA  
NSC WASHDC 2040  
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE  
POUCH ALGIERS

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INFORM CONSULS ZFF4 SECRETARY ONLY

E.O.11652: N/A  
SECRETARY PARTY, PLS PASS POWELL AND SCHECTER TRATTNER  
TAGS: SOPN

SUBJECT: PRESS STATEMENT

FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT ISSUED TO THE PRESS BY  
SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER IN THE DEPARTMENT WEDNESDAY  
EVENING AT 7:50 P.M. LOCAL TIME.

ACTING SECRETARY WARREN CHRISTOPHER CALLED IN SOVIET  
AMBASSADOR ANATOLY DOBRYNIN THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 14

TO EXPRESS IN STRONGEST TERMS THE SHOCK OF THE UNITED  
STATES GOVERNMENT OVER THE ROLE PLAYED BY SOVIET ADVISERS  
TO THE POLICE OF KABUL, AFGHANISTAN, IN THE EVENTS WHICH  
LED TO THE ASSASSINATION OF OUR AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN.

THE ACTING SECRETARY SAID HE WAS NOT ACCUSING THE SOVIET  
ADVISERS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S DEATH.

HE DID, HOWEVER, CHARGE THEM WITH FAILURE TO HEED  
REPEATED REQUESTS BY U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT THE  
ASSAULT NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.

THE REFUSAL TO CONSULT BY THE SOVIET ADVISERS ON THE SPOT  
IS IMPOSSIBLE TO JUSTIFY, GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE LIFE  
OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WAS IN JEOPARDY.

THE ACTING SECRETARY ASKED AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN TO  
FURNISH US WITH A FULL REPORT OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE  
SOVIET ADVISERS INVOLVED IN THIS TRAGEDY. CHRISTOPHER

NOTE BY DC/T: POUCH TO ALGIERS

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